

Dear Sirs,

I am asking that you please reinstate the proposed budget cuts to the Office of Early Childhood.

I have been a Preschool teacher for 30 years, with School Readiness since 1999. I live and teach in the city of Meriden.

There would be a great many children unable to attend Preschool without the School Readiness funding.

The QE provides scholarship money for the teachers to get Bachelor degrees.

They can not afford the college tuition on the School Readiness salaries.

Care4Kids provides a valuable service, helping families with low paying jobs access to high quality Childcare.

As a taxpayer I would rather fund Care4Kids than support non working families because they can't afford to work and pay Childcare.

Please remember the children are our future, research has proven the importance of high quality Preschool which the School Readiness and QE funds support.

Thank you for your help,

Sincerely,

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